

United States Patent and Trademark Office

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231 www.uspto.gov

ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER FIRST NAMED APPLICANT FILING/RECEIPT DATE APPLICATION NUMBER A8224

10/024,567

12/18/2001

William Engst

CONFIRMATION NO. 3671 FORMALITIES LETTER

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20037-3213

OC000000007355914

Date Mailed: 01/24/2002

NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

• The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

 The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Initial Patent Examination Division $(7\phi 3)$ 308-1202

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY